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Prior Application:

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Group Art Unit: 2832

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This is a

☒ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

☐ Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/423,806, filed November 12, 1999

for [Title as filed]: COMPOSITE COMPONENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Akihiko IBATA; Michio OOBA; and Toshihiro YOSHIKAWA

1. ☐ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR \$1.116 NOTED BELOW		Basic Fee
		\$750.00
Total claims	21 - 20 = 1 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	18.00
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NO. 160331.
5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is  
retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
  
--This is a [] continuation [] divisional of application Serial No.  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ which in turn is a \_\_\_\_\_.--
7. [x] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
\$1.116 with any attachments filed on April 11, 2003 in said prior  
application which was not entered therein.
8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) Nos. 10-62804 filed March 13,  
1998, 11-30943 filed February 9, 1999, 11-36678 filed February 16,  
1999, and 11-36679 filed February 16, 1999; in Japan is claimed  
under 35 U.S.C. \$119.
- [x] The certified copies were filed in National Stage Application No.  
PCT/JP99/01179.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.
9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC  
INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. The Assignment document was filed on  
March 17, 2000 and has not been recorded.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

[x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[x] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [ ] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

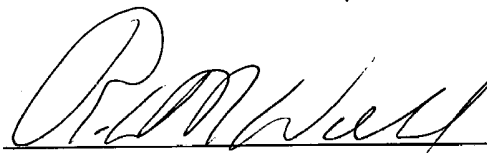
13. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. [ ] A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT STATUS REQUEST

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Sir:

Applicants filed an assignment document on March 17, 2000. A copy of the assignment document, the assignment transmittal form and date-stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto.

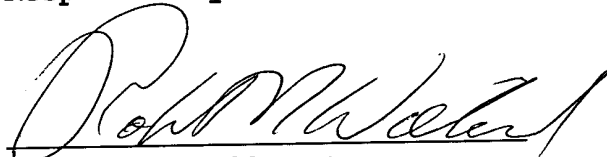
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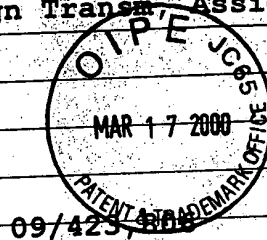
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5. If this Assignment is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: March 6, 2000.
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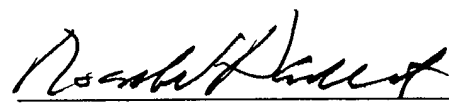
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